

SPEECH AND MESSAGE OF WELCOME AT THE FOUNDATION STONE
CEREMONY OF SAHETI ON 2ND DECEMBER 1972.

Sy Edele Die Minister van Nasionale Opvoeding Meneer J.P. van der Spuy, mevrou van der Spuy, Your Excellency The Ambassador for Greece Mr. M. Economides, Mrs Economides, ge-eerde gaste, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen.

It is indeed a privilege on behalf of the South African Hellenic Educational and Technical Institute to welcome you all to this memorable affair. This is to us the members of SAHETI, as well as all South African Greeks and their friends a memorable and historic day. A day that a lot have worked hard towards and a day that all have been looking forward to.

Daar bestaan nie die minste twyfel, dat elke Suid Afrikaanse Griek tesame met ons Suid-Afrikaanse vriende vir 'n aantal jare reeds uitgesien het na hierdie dag. Meneer die Minister, ons is voorwaar bevoorreg deur u teenwoordigheid hier vandag. Dit is vir al die lede van SAHETI 'n besondere eer wat nie maklik in woorde gestel kan word nie. Ons vertrou dat die herinnering van hierdie dag vir u net so blywend sal wees soos die inskripsie op die Gedenksteen.

Ons waardeer Meneer die Minister, dat ten spyte van 'n druk program met vele verpligtinge om na te kom, u wel die tyd kon vind om ons vandag op hierdie geskiedkundige dag te vereer met u teenwoordigheid. Dit is geen twyfel dat die prestasies van SAHETI u sal regverdig om met trots met hulle verbind te wees.

Mr. Ambassador our Patron, we thank you for being present today and witnessing this occasion, which we are all aware has become one of the prime objects of your public life. We are certain that your support and interest will be forthcoming when the school is in operation.

All our honoured guests and friends, a sincere thank you on behalf of SAHETI for being here today. It is you that have made this possible, it is the result of your efforts, your contributions that it has been made possible for SAHETI to commemorate this memorable day. Please enjoy the day with us and let it remain forever in our memories.